

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring the First Presbyterian Church on Its 45th Annual Performance of Handel's Messiah.

Whereas, The First Presbyterian Church of Michigan City marked its 45th annual performance of Handel's Messiah on December 20, 2009; and

Whereas, The First Presbyterian Church combines the talents of its own choir, professional soloists, and local orchestral musicians to produce this majestic show; and

Whereas, The 45th Anniversary Messiah Choir included the alto talents of Kristel Anderson, Norma Antisdell, Alison Barczak, Liz Bauer, Laura Blythe, Phyllis Blythe, Deborah Bremer, Sheila Budak, Aggie Craig, Annmarie D'Anza, Patricia Dolezal, Cheryl Dolson, Jennifer Forsythe, Kelly Forsythe, Cathy Fuller, Cheryl Fuller, Carol Garrett, Judy Gustum, Dana Hale, Jeanne Hoyle, Cathy Huffman, Marilyn Hupertz, Beth Jennings, Mallory Jennings, Amy Kanyer, Meg Kanyer, Winifred Lambert, Marge LaMothe, Joan Langley, Cheryl



Leffler, Sarah McNabb, Rachel Miller, Gwen Neve, Kate Parker, Maddie Parker, Gail Price, Judy Ringo, Leslie Ritter, Bev Rodeck, Florence Schoof, Maryann Setnicky, Deb Smith, Patricia Soller, Paula Tanger, Debra Topolski, Elizabeth Towle, Barbara Troy, Barbara Vinson, and Marge Winfield; and

Whereas, They were joined by the bass talents of David Albertin, Bob Alonso, Bob Ballard, Pete Beery, Gregory Bim-Merle, Derek Bjonback, Andy Casper, Paul Cherry, Martin Chidalak, Mark Daw, Don Dresner, Bob Garner, Greg Geyer, Stan Green, Robert Hoerr, Brian Kanyer, Jonas Mockaitis, Dan Moser, Don Nagderman, Kyle-Pierre Nfr, Roger Potratz, Richard Richter, Jeff Rodeck, Warren Schacht, David Schoon, Jacob Schoon, Robert Schoon, Dexter Smith, William Stark, Joel Strickland, John Tanger, and Karol Valek; and

Whereas, The Messiah Choir also included sopranos Elaine Alonso, Susan Bagby, Deborah Beien, Nancy Cairns, Jennifer Casper, Pat Daw, Louise Durlinger, Angelyn Goldenstern, Nina Green, Laura Henderson, Barb Herzinger, Cristina Jones, Judy Jones, Kathi Jones, Mary LaLune, Jennifer Lohse, Julie Manner, Donna Mitchell, Joan Mokrycki, Phyllis Montgomery, Debra Moore, Lori Pakuszewski, Nancy Patston, Pat Potratz, Jennifer Ransom, Susan Ransom, Lynne Reglein, Pam Ruminski, Nancy Ryding, Peg Schoon, Erika Smith, Lisa Schwingendorf, Mary Stark, Dolores VanUlzen, Nancy Wort, and Joan Zonka; and

Whereas, The 45th Anniversary choral performance was rounded out by tenors Herman Becker, Win Bremer, Howard Brennaman, Marilyn Deardurff, McKindra Fletcher, Bill Forsythe, Stan Green, James Hadley, Natalie Hellenga, Hugh Martz, Ed Merrion, Brandon Miller, Suzanne Moore, Ken Schoon, Scott Singer, and David Smith; and

Whereas, The 45th Anniversary Messiah concert included the orchestral talents of Monica Schafer, the concertmaster, along with Florence Long, Esther Fox, Kelly Leiby, Elaine Shumway, Sara Miller, Stan Shepherd, Betty Hatfield, Nicolas Orbovich, Nancy Kahn, Father McKenna, Robert Brooks, John Crayton, Lydia Bim-Merle, Jeremy Cox, Connie Hendricks,



Steve Gruoner, Shirley Mosher, Bill Stark, Marjorie Larson, Yvonne Donald, Jennifer Zeigner, Isabelle O'Connell, Matthew Bim-Merle, Diana Ford, Don Parker, Libby Bluhm, Chris Bendix, Elaine Hornyak, Merry Johnson, Regina Smelser, Dr. Charles Janovsky, Mary Steck, Kathryn Bertko, Cindy Ault, Jo Fran Bendix, Jenny Hayes, Charles Steck, Andrew Steck, Dan Kelly, Fred Jolly, Brad McNabb, John Rimmel, and Lee Meyer; and

Whereas, The Messiah performers sorely missed long-time members Jodi James, Barbara Smith, and Don Schwartz, who passed away prior to the 45th anniversary concert; and

Whereas, Year after year, these musicians dedicate endless time and energy to preparing for this concert; and

Whereas, Dan McNabb faithfully has served as conductor every year of the concert's decades-long history; and

Whereas, Handel's Messiah is performed as a gift to the community, as the First Presbyterian Church charges no admission for the public to attend; and

Whereas, The performance of Handel's Messiah by the First Presbyterian Church of Michigan City has become an integral part of the Christmas season in our community; therefore

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives officially recognizes the First Presbyterian Church of Michigan City's 45-year anniversary of the performance of Handel's Messiah, which has become a cherished holiday tradition in LaPorte County.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of the resolution to Dan McNabb, and the other concert musicians.

